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By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

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HONGKONG, 14th March, 1903.

The heavy increase in the Naval Estimates, Reuters tells us to-day, is the universal topic of discussion. "The disposition displayed is acquiescence in the inevitable," combined with forebodings concerning the "necessities of an armed peace which necessitates such sacrifices." This year Great Britain's Naval Estimates amount to no less than £35,800,000, showing an increase of nearly three and a quarter millions sterling as compared with those of last year. Within the last ten years the expenditure of Great Britain upon her navy has more than doubled. The Army Estimates this year amount to 34½ millions sterling as compared with the net estimate of 20½ millions submitted to Parliament in 1899, before the outbreak of the war in South Africa. This steadily increasing expenditure on armaments is common to all naval and military countries, and so also is the cry that the burden is becoming overwhelming. It was a general recognition of this fact that led to the summoning by the Tsar of the famous Peace Conference at the Hague, but in so far as its object was to effect a general reduction of armaments it signally failed; and the burden every year presses with increasing weight upon the suffering taxpayer. It was only a few weeks ago that the question was raised in the French Chamber of Deputies by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, who is reported to have said that armed peace absorbs 54 per cent. of the resources of France and is driving her into a colonial policy. It compelled France, he said, to increase her navy to defend her colonies against Great Britain and Germany, and he declared that no successful policy, financial, social or colonial, is possible under the burden of armed peace. But

France, as the speaker readily conceded, is not solely to blame in the matter, any more than is England, since she can hardly reduce her military strength in the face of an armed Europe. M. PELLETAN, the French Minister of Marine, is constantly preaching the fact that in anticipation of the great naval battle—which is a possible if not inevitable occurrence in the future—France is in a manifestly unfavourable position. "For the chances of victory (he recently 'very truly remarked') are all on the side of the Power that can send into action the largest number of ironclads, and as each unit may cost from 30 to 40 million francs, the determining factor in victory is the longer 'purse.'" M. PELLETAN recognises that France cannot rival England, which has a naval budget two and a half times bigger than France. Until recently France has been the second naval power in the world, but now she sees rivals on every hand seeking to outstrip her. "If Germany and the United States enter the field," plaintively asks M. PELLETAN, "how can France continue the struggle?" Both Germany and the United States are "entering the field"—especially Germany—and France in spite of the excessive proportion of her revenue which is now devoted to armaments, is evidently determined not to give up the struggle yet. She has now, in fact, no fewer than 150 ships of war in course of construction or ordered to be constructed. Of these vessels 49 have still to be commenced, while 51 will be continued, and 60 completed this year. Of the 150 new ships either under construction or consideration, 8 are ironclads, 16 armoured-plated cruisers, 1 protected cruiser, 29 torpedo-boat destroyers, 51 torpedo-boats, and 45 submarines. Germany's present naval programme is not so large, but the Kaiser's ambition is to increase it very considerably. Last month His Majesty presented to the Reichstag a table prepared by himself of the relative strength of the German and English Navies. The telegrams do not mention whether the document was accompanied by any message to the Reichstag, but the tabular statement, the despatch mentions, is to be framed and placed in a glass case in the principal lobby. Obviously the idea is to induce legislators to recognise the necessity for the still greater expansion of her navy if Germany is ever to obtain that authority on the waters to which her leading statesmen aspire. The table is as follows:—

	Gr. Britain	Germany
Battleships	35	8
Armoured cruisers	12	2
Protected cruisers	66	12
IN RESERVE.		
Battleships	7	4
Armoured cruisers	2	0
Protected cruisers	43	5
TOTALS OF EACH CLASS.		
Battleships	42	12
Armoured cruisers	14	2
Protected cruisers	109	17
VESSELS BUILDING.		
Battleships	12	6
Armoured cruisers	20	3
Protected cruisers	8	6

No other nation in the world is likely to have a superior navy to that of Great Britain for very many years to come. "We are bound to maintain a certain supremacy and to watch the naval expenditure"—and the naval programmes of foreign "countries," said the Chancellor of the Exchequer recently; "and no Government would long retain the confidence of the country who did not make up their minds 'that at any cost we should maintain the strength and efficiency of the navy so that it may be in a condition to meet any combination that is likely ever to be brought against us.'" In this matter then it is clear that the determining factor, to use the words of M. PELLETAN, is "the longer purse," and it therefore appears that the struggle is to go on until the taxpaying power of the people can stand it no longer. Meanwhile they grumble and pay.

The shooting in the H.K.V.C. Rifle Meeting will be concluded to-day. Lady Blake will present the prizes about 4.30 p.m. Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The total number of plague cases since the 1st January is now 67. Only one case was recorded during the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday. The victim was dumped in D'Aguiar Street.

Dr. F. W. Clarke, Medical Officer of Health, who is leaving the Colony shortly on leave, will be entertained to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel next Tuesday night by the staff of the Sanitary Department.

By permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 to 9.30, the following programme of music:—

March "The Uhlan's Call" Eilenberg
Overture "La Belle Dan Jai" Adam
Selection "Carmen" Bizet
Berenade "Love in Idleness" Madgett
Selection "Kitty Grey" Monckton
Waltz "City Life" Monckton
Gavotte "Kaiserin" Paul Horst
"God Save the King"

The annual Devonian Dinner will take place at the Hongkong Club to-night at 8 o'clock.

Telegraphic news has reached Shanghai of the sudden death in London of Mr. J. H. Bateman, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's.

The L. & C. Express learns that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will pay income-tax on dividends of shareholders registered in China but domiciled at home.

Mr. J. H. Gubbins, C.M.G., Japanese Secretary of H.B.M.'s Legation at Tokyo, has left London on his return to Japan after leave, proceeding by N.Y.K. steamer *Wakasa Maru*. Mrs. Gubbins and family are accompanying Mr. Gubbins.

Amongst forthcoming marriages in England we note that of the Rev. Rowland Cobbold, formerly chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, to Miss Lilian Parkes, daughter of the late Sir Harry Parkes, K.C.B., formerly H.B.M. Minister at Tokyo and Peking.

A steel screw steamer has been launched by Messrs. Wigham-Richardson and Co., Limited, Neptune Shipyard, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, of London. She is 275 ft. in length by 40 ft. beam, and will be propelled by triple-expansion engines, which are also being constructed by her builders.

The friends of Captain Paul Luenschloss, the popular commander of the H.A.L. steamer *Krautchen*, will regret to learn of his death at Hamburg on the 13th January a few hours after the arrival of the vessel in port. The deceased was a man of splendid physique, and had only attained his fifty-third year at the time of his death, which appears to have occurred very suddenly. He leaves a widow, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

With the assemblage in the Pacific of Admiral Stockenberg's squadron now on its way out, the Russian fleet in Far Eastern waters will be composed of forty-two vessels—namely, six ironclads, eight first-class cruisers, four second-class cruisers, seven sea-going gunboats, two transport vessels, three torpedo-cruisers, and twelve sea-going torpedo-boats. The great majority of these vessels are of the most modern construction, and are provided with all the latest technical improvements. In addition to these forty-two vessels, there are in the Pacific a certain number of Russian steamers and small torpedo-boats.

The London papers announce with regret the death of Mr. Yoshigusa Nakai, the London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank. Mr. Nakai was well known and respected in banking circles. During his period of office as manager it will be remembered that exceptionally large sums of money were practically controlled in London by the Yokohama Specie Bank on behalf of the Japanese Government, in connection with the huge indemnity paid after the war between China and Japan. The position of London manager, formerly held by Mr. Nakai, is now conferred upon Mr. Tetsu Aoki, who for some time past has acted as sub-manager.

Mr. Patrick Joseph Hughes, whose death is announced by Reuters to-day, will be well remembered by old China hands in other capacities than that of Consul at Shanghai. He came out to China as supernumerary interpreter at Foochow in 1854 and in the following year was appointed an assistant in the superintendency of Hongkong, where he remained four years. In 1860 Mr. Hughes acted as Interpreter to the Expeditionary Force and was nominated by the Commander-in-Chief, British Magistrate and Member of the Allied Commission at Chusan on the occupation of that island by the Allied Forces. He received a medal for his services. As a Consul Mr. Hughes served at Kinkiang, Tanchow, Hankow and Canton as well as at Shanghai. The deceased gentleman was an M.A. of the Royal University, Ireland.

At the Shanghai Police Court on the 9th inst. Harry Wilson, a master mariner, but at present third officer on the *Perla*, was charged by his wife with wilful neglect to provide reasonable maintenance for his wife and infant children, and by such neglect caused her to live separately and apart from her husband. The parties were married in Hongkong in 1890, and the defendant, who stated that he had been twenty-four years on this coast, denied in his evidence that he had deserted his wife. He merely went down to Hongkong to seek employment, as he could find none in Shanghai. The magistrate, after hearing the evidence, said there was nothing to justify the Court in granting an order of separation, and dismissed the case. The wife said she would have nothing more to do with her husband until he proved or withdrew certain accusations he had made against her character.

A London contemporary states that a new crew is to be selected at the Midway Depot, for despatch to the China Station for the abandoned sloop *Rosario*. Commander Cland A. W. Hamilton, who hoisted the pennant at Sheerness Dockyard on March 20, 1900, and is to be recommissioned at Hongkong for a second term of service in the Far East. New crews are also to be despatched to China for the first-class battleship *Ocean*, Captain W. G. White, the sloop *Albatross*, Commander William H. Nicholson, and the surveying vessel *Waterwitch*, Lieutenant Commander Ernest C. Hardy, and the shallow-draught steamers *Sandpiper*, Lieutenant Commander Murray MacG. Lockhart, *Woodcock*, Lieutenant Commander Edward E. Chilcott, and *Woodcock*, Lieutenant Commander Hugh G. C. Somerville, all of which are to be recommissioned.

The *Endymion*, cruiser, which was last employed on the China Station, is ordered to be sent from Chatham to Messrs. Harland and Wolff's works at Belfast to be refitted.

St. Petersburg advices report that the Russian Eastern-Asian Steamship Company is establishing a direct service of steamers to develop trade between the Black Sea ports and Port Arthur, Dally and Vladivostok.

The Russian War Minister is expected shortly to make a tour of inspection in the Far East in order to convince himself by personal examination of the state of affairs at Vladivostok and Port Arthur, thus following the example of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Fisher, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, has left Ottawa for Japan in connection with Canada's exhibits at the Osaka Exhibition. It is expected the Minister will take advantage of this opportunity to confer with the Japanese Government on questions arising out of the commercial relations between Canada and Japan.

The French cruiser *D'Entrecasteaux* arrived at Toulon on the evening of February 3rd from the Far East. She left Saigon on January 3rd. The French cruisers belonging to the Mediterranean Squadron were sent out from Toulon to meet her, but missed her. She was to go into dock immediately to refit. The French cruiser *Montcalm* was to leave Toulon for the Far East on February 5th, calling at Jibuti.

FOOTBALL

This afternoon on the Happy Valley in the semi-final for the football shield, H.M.S. *Glory* will play T.M.S. *Ocean*, kick-off at four o'clock. Spectators are requested to keep behind the ropes. A large number of seats will be provided. The Shield and medals are on view at Messrs. Falconer and Co., Queen's Road.

The ninth annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club will be held on Saturday, 28th inst., at the Hongkong Hotel, at 8 p.m. Members wishing to attend should notify the hon. sec.

CRICKET.

The following will play in the match Public Schools and Universities v. The Rest, to-day, commencing at 11 a.m.:

Public School and Universities.—R. E. O. Bird, F. M. Broadbent, R.N., A. C. E. Elborough, Lieut. Fanchase, R.A.M. Fletcher, J. Hooper, J. P. Jordan, W. R. Lemarchand, Rev. C. Moore, R.N., Lieut. A. M. Toulmin, R.M.L.I., and A. G. Ward.

The Rest.—S. D. Blair, R.N., A. C. Boxer, R.N., Lieut. H. D. Colville, R.N., J. T. Dixon, R. B. Garde, R.N., P. T. Lambie, G. Moore, R.N., Lieut. B. R. Norfolk, R.N., Lieut. A. Sartorius, R.N., Lieut. T. L. Shelford, R.N., and Lieut. B. Theisger, R.N.

A cricket match has been arranged between the Craigengower Cricket Club and the B.A.M.C. to take place at the Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m. to-day. The former team will be as follows:—

A. O. Brown, J. D. Kinnaird, L. E. Lammer, J. P. Jordan, J. Pestonji, L. A. Rose, I. L. Stuart, E. Ford, M. H. Hartman, R. Bass and M. E. Auger.

BIG SEIZURE OF ARMS.

An extensive and important seizure of arms was made by the police authorities of the Colony yesterday afternoon, when, in a godown at 36, Praya-East, Detective-Sergeants O'Sullivan and Kerr claimed in the name of the law five thousand rifles stored there. The weapons, which consisted of various effective patterns, had been taken to pieces and packed in rice bags, thirty of which were in readiness for shipment when the seizure was made. With the object of concealing their nature, the barrels had been sprinkled with sea-water, and thus was formed a superficial coating of rust which gave them the appearance of old gas-pipes; this rust was easily removed, however, showing the shining metal underneath. A gang of sixty coolies was engaged and the arms were shipped on board a junk and ultimately deposited at the Central Police Station. Two arrests have been made, the prisoners being found in a house in Wing On Street.

BURGLARY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD.

It was reported yesterday that on the previous night the premises of Messrs. Short, Short & Co., at 16, Connaught Road, had been broken into by burglars. The firm had moved into the premises only two days ago. About half-past two o'clock, we are informed, a police officer observed a man leaving the place and having had his suspicious aroused he gave chase. His quarry ran hard, jumped into the Harbour off the Praya and managed to make good his escape, though the policeman jumped into the water after him. When the premises came to be examined it was found that the burglars had gained entrance by forcing the door back—it was secured by a padlocked chain—and climbing over the top. The thieves had ransacked the place, and at the door lay a pile of valuables that they had apparently intended to remove had they not been disturbed in their operations. As it was, something like 8000 worth of bracelet-watches, rings, jewellery and bags was missing. The manager happened to take home with him on the previous evening the most valuable of the jewelry, otherwise the loss would doubtless have been much more. \$100 reward is offered for the recovery of the stolen property.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS SERVICE.

THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

London, 11th March.
The heavy increase in the Naval Estimates is the universal topic. The disposition displayed is acquiescence in the inevitable, combined with forebodings concerning the instability of an armed peace which necessitates such sacrifices.

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

London, 11th March.
The *Daily Telegraph* correspondent at Aden says that the situation in the Aden hinterland is in a satisfactory and the Resident has proceeded to Ditala (2) 10 miles from which the boundary commission was forced to withdraw, owing to the opposition of the tribesmen.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN AT MADEIRA.

London, 11th March.
Mr. Chamberlain has been at Madeira for four days suffering from gout. He is now better.

WRECK OF A TRAIN IN THE UNITED STATES.

London, 11th March.
An oil train has been wrecked and ignited at Olean in the state of New York. A large crowd was watching the blaze when a terrific explosion occurred and a number of persons were deluged with liquid fire. Twenty were killed and forty injured.

ADDRESS TO THE POPE.

London, 11th March.
A pilgrimage of four Bishops, sixty-two delegates of the British Pilgrims, including several Peers, headed by the Duke of Norfolk, have presented the Pope with an address of devotion.

ROYAL ANNIVERSARY.

London, 11th March.
The King and Queen have celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their wedding by a family dinner and a small dance at Buckingham Palace.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

London, 11th March.
The House of Commons has agreed to the vote of 235,761 men for the Army.

THE BOER PRISONERS IN CEYLON.

London, 11th March.
Mr. Austin Chamberlain states that there are at present thirty prisoners in Ceylon who refuse to take the oath or make a declaration of allegiance and that they will not be sent to South Africa unless they do. Any application to go home to another country will be considered.

OBITUARY.

London, 11th March.
The death is announced of Mr. Patrick Hughes, formerly British Consul at Shanghai.

A MACAO CLUB FIASCO.

Our weekly contemporary *O Patriota* in its last issue, in one of the leading articles, states that the Club Uniao de Macao has been dissolved. Owing to gross misbehaviour on the part of a naval officer during a ball given by the Club, resulting in his own expulsion, all the members sent in their resignations. Considerable feeling has been engendered in this connection by the raising of the question of race. All the European and Chinese hands in protesting against the decision of the Committee for expelling Lieut. Marthe. As soon as the new Governor was informed of the resolution taken by the Committee at the general meeting, he sent for the President of the Club, the well-known lawyer, Mr. A. Pacheco, and ordered him to withdraw the decision taken by the Committee regarding the expulsion of Lieut. Marthe of the gunboat *Diu*, under penalty of punishment. This interference by the Governor has, according to our contemporary, caused immense surprise among the inhabitants of Macao and to those abroad when they came to know of the occurrence. The members declined to re-instate the expelled member and resolved to dissolve the Club. It is stated that during the general meeting of the Club for the purpose of dissolving it, a body of police was posted outside by order of the Administrator do Conselho, A.D.C., to the Governor. "Some say it was a guard of honour for this particular occasion." It seems to be the general opinion that the Governor committed a grave error in interfering with the Committee of the Club in the exercise of its legal rights.

THE BROUGHS AT THE THEATRE.

"THE VILLAGE PRIEST."

Exchanging the light garb of farcical comedy for the sombre attire of genuine drama, the Brough Company last night appeared in Sydney Grundy's powerful creation, *A Village Priest*, and made the transformation with all the realism at their command. Applied to the Broughs, the term versatile is far from a misnomer and indeed falls to convey an adequate conception of the wonderful resource of the organisation which Mr. and Mrs. Brough so ably lead. The story told in *A Village Priest* is a tragic one, and where previously the laughter of a delighted audience following the absurdities of fanciful comedy had made the very walls ring, now only silence reigned as every phase of the tragedy was revealed, the deep interest aroused making applause a distracting thing. One and all, the performers excelled themselves, Mr. Brough as L'Abbe Dubois carrying the audience with him from the rise of the curtain to its fall. The full cast was as follows:—

Abbe Dubois Mr. W. T. Lovell
Jean Turpin Mr. Ernest Vero
A Captain of Gendarmes Mr. Orlando Daly
Francois Mr. Higson
Madame D'Arcey Miss Susan Vaughan
Comtesse de Tremellan Miss Brenda Gibson
Marguerite de Tremellan Miss Brenda Gibson
Jeanne Turpin Miss Temple
Madeleine Miss Gilles Brown

FAREWELL ARRANGEMENTS.

In another column it will be observed that in consequence of another alteration in the sailing date of the steamer *Sachsen* for Shanghai, Mr. Brough has found it imperative to alter his previously arranged plans for the closing nights of the season. It is now definitely fixed that the *Sachsen* sails on Wednesday, consequently the last Brough performance will take place on Tuesday next. Up to six o'clock last evening it was confidently expected that the *Sachsen* would not sail until Thursday, but a cable received at that hour by the agents stating that the steamer would arrive here at 5 a.m. Wednesday and sail the same day renders Mr. Brough helpless in the matter, so that *The Importance of Being Earnest* cannot be played. To-night *Facing the Music* will be staged for the first and only time. On Monday next *The Tyranny of Tears* will be presented, and the season will be brought to a close on Tuesday with a welcome revival of *Arise You a Muslim*. The box-plans are now open at Robinson's.

"FACING THE MUSIC."

The last new production of the Brough season will be presented at the City Hall this evening, when *Facing the Music*, a hilarious farcical comedy by J. H. Darnley, author of *The Solicitor* and other merry plays, will receive its initial representation here by the Brough Company. *En passant*, it may be remarked that the sole acting rights of *Facing the Music* for India and China are vested in Mr. Brough.

In commenting upon the Brough performance of *Facing the Music* in Calcutta, a contemporary wrote:—

Mr. Brough believes in contrasts, the more striking the better, and it is a compliment to his knowledge of his public that he seldom misses the mark of successful entertainment. A bold illustration of his method was given last week, when he began with *Sowing the Wind*, followed by *Niobe*, then *The Village Priest*, and last of all *Facing the Music*, a farce of the broadest humour. It is a lively sort of sandwich to contemplate. Yet it proved not only pleasing to the palate, but also easy of digestion and profitable of nutriment. Darnley's farce, which Mr. Brough produced for the first time in India at the Theatre Royal on Saturday, turns on the obvious complications which came from two men of different calling and temperament, having the same name, living in the same tenement, and being blessed with wives who have been away on a holiday and are unacquainted with the homes their husbands have prepared for them during their absence, and are also unknown to the servants of these establishments. Bring one of these wives into the wrong flat at the dead of a night, on which the Smith who owns it is having an unexpected adventure which prevents his return till morning, and you have all the familiar elements which contribute to amusing mystification and misunderstanding and their resultant destruction. The theme is as old as the Himalayas, but it never wears when presented with that rollicking exaggeration of mood and pace of which Mr. Brough is such a master.

THE MURDER OF MR. EVANS.

CRIME UNEXPECTED.

Before the memory of the practical act which led to the murder of Mr. Evans on the Canton River fades utterly, it were wise perhaps to ascertain what steps are being taken to bring the perpetrators of the crime to book. Two Chinamen, it will be recalled, were arrested here for complicity in the affair and handed over to the authorities at Canton, who, a month ago, according to a report from that city, were requested by the British Consul to proceed with the trial of the men. We are now informed that they have not yet been arraigned; Tak Sow, the Acting Viceroy, wishing to evade further action by reason of the indemnity which was paid to the relations of the murdered man—an indemnity he is said to regard as too great. Whether or not that be so, the fact—and we have no reason to doubt that it is a fact—remains that the cold-blooded murder of a British subject has not been fully atoned for, and whatever the personal views of Tak Sow in respect of the indemnity paid, they should not be allowed to stand in the way of justice being done.

ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY LECTURE.

MR. C. CLEMENTI ON "BUDDHISM."

Under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, Mr. C. Clementi lectured in the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening on "Buddhism." H.E. the Governor presided. There was a large attendance.

His Excellency in introducing the lecturer said that he had been asked as President of the Society to take the chair on this occasion and it gave him very great pleasure to do so. The catholicity of the proceedings of the Society was, he thought, exemplified in the lectures already delivered under its auspices and the one they were going to hear presently. First they had one upon malaria in connection with mosquitoes, then another upon the defence of the Empire, and now they had abandoned those physical possibilities of war and pestilence and Mr. Clementi was about to lecture on the metaphysical aspect of Buddhism. There were few people who were better entitled to deliver a lecture on that subject than Mr. Clementi, who was a very well-known Oxford scholar. (Applause.)

Mr. CLEMENTI, who got a cordial reception, said in the course of his lecture that metaphysics was the search of reason after reality. The metaphysician's only instruments in arriving at a conclusion were experience and reason; he was not concerned with belief or faith. All religion must be a metaphysics, as religion was a search after the ultimate facts of existence. A religion might however transcend the limits of metaphysics, might supplement reason by faith. Buddhism was one of those religions whose only instruments were experience and reason. Metaphysics was logically prior to faith although it might come later in history. Historically speaking the origin of Indian metaphysics was to be found in the faith of the Rigveda, 2,000 years before Christ. Buddhism was hard to define in a single word; it was not polytheism, not monotheism, not pantheism. Max Müller was driven to coin the word "henotheism" in order to describe it. Henotheism meant the worship of the gods one by one. This faith as soon as the people began to philosophise necessarily tended to the conclusion that all the deities were only manifestations of one power lying behind them. What was this power? Here was the turning point of Indian religion. The answer might have been monotheism. But as a fact the answer was pantheism. The whole world was God. This was the doctrine developed as a faith in the Brahmanism which in the Vedanta, which explained the universe synthetically as a development from one principle, the Supreme Soul, called Brahma or Paramatman. The Supreme Soul was both the efficient and material cause of the world; both made the world and was the matter out of which the world was made. In the seventh century, B.C., Kapila, the founder of the Cankhya philosophy, made a determined attack on the pantheism and orthodoxy of his day and there was little doubt that Buddhism, which dated from the fifth century, B.C., owed its origin directly to the Cankhya philosophy. Kapila was the first great empirical philosopher in the history of the world. His name had been forgotten; yet it was he that laid the foundations of empiricism as they stand to-day. He based his philosophy on experience and used reason as his only organon. Whereas the Vedanta was a synthetic pantheism, the Cankhya was an atheistic dualism. Metaphysics for the first time had shaken itself free from the bondage of faith. The data of experience were matter and souls. As regards matter, the doctrine of Kapila was stated by modern science as the law of conservation of energy. As regards souls, modern science had nothing to say; but Kapila's argument was the metaphysical attempt to vindicate the faith long held in India of the transmigration of souls. Wherein did the Buddha differ from Kapila? In two points. Whereas Kapila asserted the existence of souls the Buddha denied their existence; whereas Kapila asserted the existence of matter and souls from everlasting to everlasting, Buddha asserted an end, a finality. The very centre and core of Buddhist metaphysics was the denial of the existence of either of a supreme, soul. No one ever had and it was impossible that one should ever have experience of a soul. The soul always eluded your observation, for the soul was the instrument by which you observed. The soul must, as considered by metaphysical science, be an expression for the identity of the ego as the supreme condition of the object. You could not examine the ego because the ego was the condition of your being able to examine at all. Therefore, said the Buddha, it could not be ultimate reality. Matter was doubtless an object of experience. Was it therefore the ultimate reality? No; for matter was conditioned by human perception. If the soul was not real how much less could the objective world, could matter, which was known only to the soul, be real? What then was ultimate reality? Ultimate reality, said Buddha, was nothing, was non-entity. That was the last word of Buddhist metaphysics; and from that first principle the whole of its ethical teaching was derived. Now most of them, he daresay, were of opinion that a metaphysics which concluded that the ultimate reality was nothing had nullified itself before the tribunal of experience and was consequently worthless. Yet Hegel adopted as the starting point of his metaphysics the conclusion of Buddhism that nothing was real. And though the last word of Buddhist metaphysics was that nothing was the ultimate reality, this must not be mistaken for agnosticism. On the contrary Buddhism was thoroughly agnostic. It was not with the helplessness of a despairing agnosticism but with the joy of a great salvation that the Buddha proclaimed to the world that nothing was real. Buddhism was the inversion of Hegelian dialectic. Whereas Hegel, after proving that

Being was Nothing, or rather that Being was forever passing into Nothing and Nothing into Being, concluded that the truth of these conceptions was Becoming, and by means of the conception of Becoming or development advanced from the most abstract datum of thought to its consummation in the concrete notion of self-consciousness; Buddhism reversed the process and argued from the empirical datum of Becoming to the bare abstraction of Nothing, wherein it found the equivalent of Being and therefore of ultimate reality. Thought had moved in a strange circle since the time of Prince Gautama, and the origin of Buddhism was curiously repeated in the history of the school of British empirical philosophy. The reply to Buddha, said the lecturer in conclusion, was to be found in Kant, who conclusively demonstrated that knowledge was not only a posteriori but was a priori as well. There was no knowledge which was not the direct product of reason and experience, the co-ordination of sense-impressions under the laws of the mind; or in Kant's own famous words, "Thoughts without content are empty; perceptions without content are blind. Knowledge arises only from their united action." And with the proof that such union was possible, Kant proved that there was knowledge, that there was reality, that the Nothing, the Zero of Buddhism was but an abstraction from that which was ultimately real, the self-conscious thinking subject. (Applause.)

His Excellency invited discussion. Rev. E. J. HARDY remarked that the lecturer had said that all religions were metaphysical. Would he not say that Christianity was the one exception? It was either true or false but it professed to be historical and Jesus Christ was said to have come into the world to deliver us. He thought Christianity was not metaphysical and that that was the most valuable thing about it. As to the ultimate reality being nothing, he contended that it had been proved that it was exactly opposed to that.

Professor E. BAIN observed that he was overwhelmed with the sense of the impossibility of the Western mind following the reasoning of Buddha that there is nothing and that everything is nothing. Perhaps there was something lacking in the Western mind to enable them to arrive at that conclusion.

Mr. CLEMENTI said in reply that there must be metaphysical element in Christianity, for was it not a search after the ultimate facts of existence? What was meant by death and life and what was meant by God? In so far as it failed to answer these questions and convince the thinking man of its truth it was an unsuccessful metaphysics. If it answered them it was a successful metaphysics. But Christianity was not a religion which relied on reason and experience alone. Therefore it was fundamentally distinct from Buddhism. Christianity held that beyond reason there was faith. With regard to the other part of Mr. Hardy's contention the lecturer said there were many Eastern students who agreed with his argument, and he referred the querist to the religious books of the East. As to Professor Sharp's remark that there was a difference between the Eastern and Western minds, he could not take that view at all. The philosophic conclusions that were proved by reason in the West were proved by reason in the East.

His Excellency asked the meeting to join him in thanking Mr. Clementi for his scholarly lecture. The conclusion of the great metaphysician, Kapila Gautama, the Buddha and the rest, was that the goal of all our toiling lives according to these dreams is nothing. These metaphysicians must have been a body of sad seekers after truth, but for himself he would say that the element that united body and soul in the joy of existence and the hope of eternity was the lightning flash of faith, without which the deepest thinker is but a blind groping in impalpable blackness.

The meeting then dispersed.

BELGIAN CONCESSION AT TIENTSIN.

The Antwerp Metropole announces that Belgium has obtained a concession to the north of Tientsin on the right bank of the Pei-ho River. The German Shantung Railway traverses the concession, but the ground necessary for the construction of that line has been ceded to the Germans by Belgium, in return for the support given by Germany to the Belgian request for the concession. The draining of the marsh, the journal adds, has been begun, and the plan of the roads to be made has been drawn up. The *Journal des Sins* states that a Bill will shortly be introduced in the Chamber regularising the concession in accordance with the provisions of international and Chinese law.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Hamburg* left Kobe, via Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 8th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 17th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 7.30 a.m. on the 13th inst., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive this morning.

The "Glen" Line steamer *Glenhead* left Singapore on the 12th inst., p.m., and is due here on the 13th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Shimano Maru* (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 12th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The A.L. steamer *Frane Ferdinand* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., p.m.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Yokohama for Portland (Or.) on the 12th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Yokohama (Or.) for this port via Yokohama, Kobe and Moji, on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on the 13th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Moji for this port on the 11th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 17th inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Xiameng* left Calcutta for this port, via the Straits, on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on the 28th inst.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 13th March.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUNJAB JUDGE).

120 PER CENT.
Alla Singh, an Indian, claimed from a fellow-countryman, Maia Bunn, the sum of \$30 on a promissory note payable to the bearer.

The defendant stated in Court that he made the promissory note, but not to the plaintiff; it was to another man. He had already paid interest on that promissory note for about three years at the rate of 3 per month (which comes to about 120 per cent.).

The plaintiff stated that he bought the promissory note from an Indian friend and paid for it \$30, the amount endorsed upon the note. His Lordship on hearing this gave judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, without costs or interest, and directed that the debt be paid in instalments of \$3 per month, remarking that he would not allow this traffic in promissory notes, which was becoming rather bad in the Colony amongst these Indians.

ACTION AGAINST THE P.W.D.

On the 16th December last his Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs in an action in which J. Coleman Hughes, his wife Agnes Eliza Hughes, and Charles Lena May claimed from William Chatham, Water Authority, and A. H. Hollingsworth, Assistant Water Authority, a sum of \$1,000, being damages sustained by them by reason of the opening and keeping open by the defendants of a trench in the road at the back of No. 1, Lower Albany in so negligent a manner as to allow a body of water to collect and percolate through the adjoining soil and cause the collapse of a portion of the plaintiff's retaining wall. Mr. H. W. Locker of Messrs. Deacon & Hastings, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, for the defendants.

The question of the amount of damages was referred to the Registrar. The Registrar duly investigated the matter and filed his report.

His Lordship gave judgment for the full amount claimed, \$1,000, which was the amount found by the Registrar to be due for the damages suffered by the plaintiffs through the act of negligence of the defendants.

The Court afterwards adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 13th March.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A DANGEROUS TOY.

Augustus P. Reim was charged by Inspector Baker with discharging an air-gun in the street and assaulting one Lau Lem. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$2, being further ordered to pay the Chinaman, who received the pellet from the gun just over the eye, compensation to the extent of \$3.

SANITARY INSPECTOR V. POLICE SERGEANTS.

Out of the above cases there arose a summons against Police-Sergeant Gordon for using insulting and abusive language to J. T. Cotton, inspector-in-charge of the cattle depot at Kennedytown.

The complainant is related to Pereira, and in the course of enquiries in connection with the charge against the latter Sergeant Gordon came in contact with Inspector Cotton. This was on the 11th inst. at 8.30 a.m. "We talked in a friendly way," the complainant told his Worship, "and then a lot of old things came up and the defendant called me a damned liar. He said he had proved me one in the Police Court in a gambling case and in the Sanitary Board as well. I said he should not say that, and he said, 'Who are you?' I said I was the sanitary inspector in charge of the cattle depot. Then he went away."

Cross-examined by the defendant, complainant said he gave no provocation whatever. They had a conversation about the gun affair, and the abusive language arose out of that. He had never had trouble with the police before.

The defendant then made his statement. He said he went up to the defendant and said "Good morning." Defendant replied, "What the devil have you been doing in that gun case? You're been telling Inspector Baker a lot of stories, nothing else." Defendant denied the imputation, and told the complainant that he was a liar. Inspector Cotton had had a lot of trouble with the police, and the summons was only the outcome of spite.

His Worship dismissed the case.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

15th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Stabat, Psalms, Cooke, Woodward, and Dupuis; Benedicite, Winchester in E flat; Jubilate, Quire in G; Hymns, 191 and 201; Kyrie, Schuster in E flat; Offertory Hymn, 91.

Responses, Psalms, Psalms, Oakley; Magnificat, Lawes in C (19th M.). Nunc Dimittis, Wallace in E (9th E.); Hymns, 268, 514, and 283; Vesper Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road West.

3rd Sunday in Lent.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Hymn, 33; Venite, Hopkins; To Deum, Woodward; Kyrie, Hymns, 108, 321, and 211; Holy Communion, 12.15.

Evangelist (6.30 p.m.).

Hymn, 416; Nunc Dimittis, Foster; Hymns, 434, 18, and 478.

The Missionary Society will call for the ships between 2.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Koroono Police Pier at 10.30 and 6) to bring friends ashore to the service, returning afterwards. The "Ansonic" Postman is the call-sign. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday at noon. Mr. W. Hutton Potts (chairman) presided, and the others present were Messrs. R. C. Wilcox, E. Osborn (directors), W. E. Clarke, G. M. Bain, E. George, F. D. Goddard, A. Denison, W. Davies, E. J. Joseph, Ho Tung, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, and C. Mooney (secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been read by the SECRETARY.

The CHAIRMAN said—With your permission, I propose to take the report and accounts as read. The business for the six months shows a small increase over the corresponding period of 1901, and we are again able to recommend a dividend of 12 per cent for the half-year, and the result has been obtained in spite of an over-falling exchange, and increased competition, which, since the beginning of the year, has been further augmented by the opening of the Club annex, and the German Club. The new reception rooms referred to by the Chairman at our last meeting have been completed, and seem to be generally appreciated both by visitors and the residents of the Colony. Nearly the entire cost of these alterations, and certain other improvements, all conducing to the comfort of our patrons, are included in the accounts before you. You will have noticed that some \$32,000 has been paid on the Reclamation, and we have still debentures to the amount of \$275,000 unissued, wherewith to finance the building, but as we are considering, in order to keep the hotel up to date, the advisability of having our own electric plant, as also the removal of the servants to another building, to avoid the noise and smell of the Chinese cooking, it may be necessary later on to raise more capital, or to increase the debenture issue. In January last we commenced charging in sterling, this seeming to be the only remedy to avoid constant changes in our rates, owing to the lower purchasing power of the dollar. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions. (Applause.)

There were no questions, and on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. Ho Tung, the report and accounts as presented were adopted and passed.

The next business was the election of a director, and Mr. DAVIES proposed that the retiring member of the board, Mr. W. Hutton Potts, be re-elected.

Mr. BAIN seconded, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe were re-elected as auditors, on the motion of Capt. GODDARD, seconded by Capt. CLARKE.

This was all the business. Dividend warrants will be ready to-day, and may be had on application to the secretary.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the fourteenth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the general managers, on Saturday, 21st March, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The net profit, including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$147,676.74, which it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz.:

To place to reserve fund \$2,000.00
To pay a dividend of 12 per cent. ... 120,000.00
To carry forward to next year's account \$5,676.74

The above result shows a steady increase and the above result is very satisfactory although the production of finished cement has been hampered by the difficulty of obtaining supplies of raw material sufficient to keep pace with the increasing consumption.

Work at Deepwater Bay suffered greatly from sickness and strikes amongst the coolies, and much damage and loss of stock was caused by a heavy rain-storm in the month of June, and later on by typhoons. The demand for the Company's bricks, tiles and pipes is, however, increasing, and further additions and extensions are now in progress, which will improve the efficiency of the factory and reduce the cost of manufacture.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the articles of association, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. C. W. I. Jackson, Mr. C. E. Ewins and Dr. J. W. Noble, retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

ADDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and W. H. Potts, who are recommended for re-election.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1903.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, March 13th:—The market has ruled active since date of our last and a fair general business has been transacted chiefly at advanced rates. At time of closing, stocks appear to rule a trifle easier.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai banks are reported at \$690 and \$692 1/2 cash, market closing with further buyers at the former rate. A. Bank remains unchanged and without business at quotation.

INSURANCES.—Unions have further advanced to \$530 after small sales at \$525. Claims Traders continue in request at \$59 without bringing further shares on the market. Cantons have changed hands at \$160 and close firm at \$162 1/2. Yangtze after sales at \$195 and \$197 1/2 close steady at \$200.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong remain on offer at \$307 1/2, whilst buyers refuse to pay over \$305. Chinese have changed hands at \$32 and close with sellers at that rate.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1903.

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SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have ruled steady with small sales at \$362 and reported transactions at \$361, market closing with sellers at the former and buyers at the latter rate. Douglases have been enquired for at \$42 without leading to business. Indos continue erratic with sales from \$108 to \$110 for cash and from \$110 to \$112 for June. Star Ferries have changed hands in small lots at quotations.

REFINERIES.—Fair sales of China Sugars have taken place at from \$102 to \$112 for the settlement, and at rates somewhat under the equivalents forward at time of closing a few shares are probably obtainable at \$110 cash, but market remains fairly steady. Luzons unchanged.

MINING.—Punjons have declined to \$23, after sales at \$23. Shares, however, are in demand at the lower rate. Raubs have found buyers and close steady at \$74. Nothing further to report under this heading.

DOCK, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been the medium of a fair investing business at \$204, \$205 and \$206 for cash, and at about equivalent rates for early dates forward; the market closes steady at \$204 1/2. Kwloon Wharves after sales at \$80 and \$85 cash dividend close with sellers at \$92 1/2 or dividend. Earhams have advanced to \$15. 190.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue quiet at \$176 with cash sales, and at about equivalent rates forward. Hotels continue at \$143 with small sales and buyers. West Points remain firm with no sales to report. Oriente Hotels have been placed at \$27 1/2 and close in demand.

COTTON MILLS.—No change or business to report under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have found buyers at \$224, \$223, and \$234, closing with sellers at \$23. Watsons, Electrics, Water-works, China Providents and Campbell, Moores have all changed hands at quotations in small lots.

MEMOS.—Luzon Sugar Refinery Co. ordinary yearly meeting on 17th instant. China Sugar Refinery ordinary yearly meeting on 17th instant. Green Island Cement Co. ordinary yearly meeting 21st March. Transfer of shares from 17th to 21st inst. Humphreys and the above result is very satisfactory although the production of finished cement has been hampered by the difficulty of obtaining supplies of raw material sufficient to keep pace with the increasing consumption.

Work at Deepwater Bay suffered greatly from sickness and strikes amongst the coolies, and much damage and loss of stock was caused by a heavy rain-storm in the month of June, and later on by typhoons. The demand for the Company's bricks, tiles and pipes is, however, increasing, and further additions and extensions are now in progress, which will improve the efficiency of the factory and reduce the cost of manufacture.

INSURANCES.—Unions have further advanced to \$530 after small sales at \$525. Claims Traders continue in request at \$59 without bringing further shares on the market. Cantons have changed hands at \$160 and close firm at \$162 1/2. Yangtze after sales at \$195 and \$197 1/2 close steady at \$200.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong remain on offer at \$307 1/2, whilst buyers refuse to pay over \$305. Chinese have changed hands at \$32 and close with sellers at that rate.

THE BANKNOTE FORGERIES AT SHANGHAI.

The *N. C. Daily News* in its editorial columns of the 9th inst. says:—The detection of counterfeit notes of the Imperial Bank of China, and of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as is well known, caused a great deal of uneasiness among the Chinese, and the suspicion inevitably excited has now extended to the Russo-Chinese Bank, notes to the value of \$50,000 or more having been taken to that bank for redemption in silver on Saturday morning. There is not, however, we are glad to say, any widely-extended scare among the Chinese. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was kept open for the cashing of notes the whole of Saturday afternoon, but notwithstanding the large circulation its notes enjoy, the total amount presented in the last three days of last week did not reach \$300,000, and among them less than fifty counterfeits, all for \$5, were discovered. The counterfeits can be easily detected by rubbing them with a wetted finger, or by looking at the printers' name, which is mis-spelt. It is generally understood that, by some accident, the Japanese criminal code—and these counterfeits are Japanese-made—does not provide any penalty for this crime, an omission which, if it exists, reflects little credit on the foreign advisers who assisted in the compilation of the Japanese code. This omission will no doubt engage the attention of the new Diet as soon as it meets.

It is reassuring to know that the scare has not become serious, and that trade is not likely to be so gravely affected as at one time seemed probable. Its effect would be very grave if it extended to South China, where foreign banknotes are preferred to silver dollars, and are consequently much more largely used than they are here. The arrest on Saturday of a Japanese with several counterfeit notes in his possession will, it is hoped, produce a good effect, for it does not appear that any large quantity of these forgeries has been put in circulation.

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Do.	8	Pts.	18.00 4.50
El Capitan,	4	Qts.	16.50 4.15
Do.	8	Pts.	16.50 4.15
Jubilee,	4	Qts.	16.50 4.15
Do.	8	Pts.	16.50 4.15
Munich, Dark	4	Qts.	17.00 4.25
Do.	8	Pts.	17.00 4.25
Blatz, American	4	Qts.	28.00 4.70
Do.	10	Pts.	29.90 2.90
Yebien, Japanese			
Light	8	Pts.	16.00 2.10
Yebien, Japanese			
Dark	8	Pts.	17.00 2.20

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Ind. Coops & Co...	Per 8 Doz.	Pts.	\$19.50	Doz.	\$2.45
Guinness, Bear's					
Head 4	Qts.	20.00		5.00
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Head 8	Pts.	25.00		3.15

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the French Authorities at Touron (Annam) will sell by Public Auction, on the 20th inst., a LIGHTER, marked "No. 7, New York," which has been stranded near Touron since the 1st February, no owner being known. The dimensions of the lighter are: Length, 90 feet; width, 19 feet; depth, 10 feet 8 inches. By Order,

R. BEAU,
Acting Consul for France.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [843]

VOLUNTEER RIFLE AND CARBINE MEETING.

KOWLOON RANGES.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th. Final Day. Lady BLAKE has kindly consented to present the Prizes at about 4.30 p.m. Ladies are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [841]

FOR SALE.

THE well-known 3/8 L. 11. Steam Yacht "CABARENDH," L. 60 feet; B. 10 feet; D. 6 feet; Cylinders 7 1/2 inch and 15 inch; 11 inch stroke; new in excellent order. Owner leaving the Colony.
Apply to—

G. C. ANDERSON,
Surveyor for Valuers,
4, Fodder Street.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [838]

TO LET.

N. O. 9, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon.
Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [844]

TO LET.

N. O. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.
No. 12, CASTLE ROAD.
No. 74, CAINE ROAD (formerly No. 40).
Nos. 7, 9 and 11, SEYMOUR ROAD.
1st FLOOR of No. 49, PEARL STREET.
GODOWN No. 32A, PEARL EAST.
Apply to—

COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [845]

TO LET.

FURNISHED completely for 9 months from 18th May next, "TAKAWERA," UPPER RICHMOND ROAD, SIX LARGE ROOMED BUNGALOW, with TENNIS COURT.
Apply to—A. H. S. Lane, Crawford & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [840]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, A.C. ex.s.s. Victoria.
From Persian Gulf, ex.s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. To-day, 13th inst.
Goods not cleared by the 20th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [1]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAIBANG" having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. the 16th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [834]

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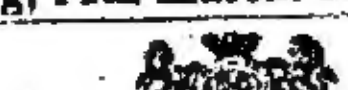
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1903.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE NINTH ANNUAL DINNER will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 28, at the HONGKONG HOTEL, at 8 p.m. Members wishing to attend should notify the Hon. Secretary.

F. BROWNE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [837]



PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, to Sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,

the 16th MARCH, 1903, at 11 a.m., at THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S STORE, Wan-chai,
8,000 lbs. of CAST IRON, GRATINGS, IRON CHAINS, IRON CLIPS for Rails and for Posts, BRASS FILINGS, CORRUGATED SHEETS, OIL-SKIN JACKETS, COOKING STOVES, POULTRY CAGES, &c., &c., &c.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [842]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPEAIRE & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [836]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"FRANZ FERDINAND."

Captain Martinich, will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., p.m. The Steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents,
Princes Building.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [8]

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER

will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 14th MARCH, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Any Devonians wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1903. [597]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL LAW-TENNIS TOURNAMENT

will be commenced on MONDAY, MARCH 20th. Entries close on SATURDAY, MARCH 21st. Lists will be found in the Club Pavilion.

By Order,

A. G. WARD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1903. [781]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRD HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES

of the Hongkong Club, payable on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1903, will be drawn at the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, at 11 o'clock a.m., on THURSDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1903.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [808]

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [553]

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Apply, with Testimonials, to—

C. G. LAMMAN,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [821]

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Must be able to speak and write English.

Apply to—

VACUUM OIL COMPANY.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [827]

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for Booking Office.

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A. C.,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [810]

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A HOUSE

in the Central part of the Town suitable for a Studio.

Apply to—

C. W. CLARK,
Post Office Box No. 142.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [849]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Street, on TUESDAY, the 17th MARCH, 1903, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [859]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Street, on TUESDAY, the 17th MARCH, 1903, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [834]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on 14th MARCH, 1903, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902, and for the election of a Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [777]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Nos. 38 to 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the subjoined Resolutions:—

1. That the Company may underwrite the whole or any part of the fire risks on all, or any, of its properties as the directors may from time to time determine.

2. That the sum of \$200,000 now standing to the credit of Permanent Reserve Fund be transferred to the credit of an "Insurance Reserve Fund" and that this Fund shall be credited with the same premiums on the properties underwritten by the Company as if they had been insured with other companies, and that all losses by fire shall be met out of the same Fund.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [815]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send

in their Scrip to the Company's Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of MARCH next, in order that same may be exchanged for Scrip for Shares in the new Company.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1903.

J. WHELELY,
General Manager.

China Borneo Company, Limited.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Year ended 31st December, 1902, on or before the 14th inst. on which date the account will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [712]

BRITISH MUNICIPALITY, TIENTSIN.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the

position of Secretary to the British Municipality of Tientsin.

Applicants should state age, whether married or single, and should give full details of previous experience.

A good working knowledge of accounts is essential.

Canvassing will constitute a disqualification.

The salary will be £600 per annum with medical attendance.

The selected candidate must pass medical examination.

Copies only of testimonials need be sent.

Applications should be endorsed "Appointment of Secretary," and addressed to "The Chairman, British Municipal Council, Tientsin," and should reach Tientsin not later than March 31st.

By Order of the Council,

A. W. HARVEY BELLINGHAM,
Secretary and Engineer.

Tientsin, 7th February, 1903. [690]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

situate at Victoria, Hongkong, registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 6A (No. 19, Jervois Street), and held for the unexpired residue of a term of 999 years will be sold by Public Auction in One Lot, by Order of the Mortgagee, at Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH'S AUCTION ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central (Corner of Ice House Street), on TUESDAY, the 17th day of MARCH, 1903, at 3 p.m.

For Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to

H. E. HOLMES,
Solicitor for the Vendor,
54, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
or to

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [771]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR, to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (SATURDAY),

the 14th MARCH, 1903, at 2 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET.

A VERY FINE SILK EMBROIDERED SCREEN;

And

AN ARTISTICALLY EXECUTED SILK EMBROIDERED PICTURE.

On view from Friday, the 13th inst.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [795]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR, to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (SATURDAY),

the 14th MARCH, 1903, commencing at 2 p.m., Sharp, at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET.

A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF

MODERN AND ANCIENT JAPANESE ART CURIOS.

Particulars from Catalogues.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

On view from Friday, the 13th March.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [772]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

TO-DAY (SATURDAY),

the 14th MARCH, 1903, at 2.30 p.m., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

SATIN COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, AMERICAN ROLL-TOP DESKS, BLACKWOOD WARE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, MOROCCO COVERED SOFA and CHAIRS, MARBLED TOP DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, FUR RUGS, ELECTRO-PLATED and GLASS WARE, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE MATTRESSES, MARBLED TOP DRESSING TABLES, COOKING STOVES, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [781]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (SATURDAY),

the 14th of MARCH, 1903, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET.

SIX FUR COATS.

On View to-day.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [830]

PUBLIC AUCTION

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

Situate in LOWER RICHMOND ROAD, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

IN SEVEN LOTS,

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH.
Representative ... Mr. ALLAN HAMILTON.

NOTICE

In consequence of the date of departure for Shanghai of the German mail steamer "Saahsen" having been AGAIN altered, Mr. Brough regretfully announces that he is compelled to revise the programme originally intended for the farewell nights of his season, which now MUST TERMINATE ON TUESDAY NEXT, MARCH 17TH.

SEASON TERMINATES TUESDAY
NEXT, MARCH 17TH.

LAST THREE NIGHTS

OF
THE BROUGH COMEDY CO.TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 14TH MARCH,

"FACING THE MUSIC."

(By arrangement with Frank Thornton, Esq.)
An original farce in Three Acts, by J. H. Darnley, author of "The Solicitor."

MONDAY NEXT, 16TH MARCH,

"THE TYRANNY OF TEARS"

(By arrangement with the Author.)
A comedy in Four Acts, by C. Haddon Chambers.

TUESDAY NEXT, 17TH MARCH,

Last Night of the Season!

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

(By arrangement with Charles Frohman, Esq.)
A farce in Three Acts, by Leo Dietrichstein.

BOX PLANS AT ROBINSON'S.
Dress Circle and Orchestra Stalls, \$4.00.
Stalls, \$2.00. Back Seats, \$1.00.
Doors Open 5.30. Curtain 8. Chairs, etc., at 11.30. Late Train to the Peak as usual.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [780]

NOTICE

WE the undersigned undertake to REMOVE CLAY from any site close to Tsim-sa-tszui at a very low price. Landlords who wish to have their properties levelled please apply to—

HIM TAI

Contractor,
No. 81, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [689]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of CHINESE TRANSLATOR in the Registrar-General's Department:
Salary \$1,500 a year rising by biennial increments of \$120 to \$2,400.
Qualifications: Correct knowledge of English; ability to translate Chinese into English, and to translate into Chinese, and to transcribe into Chinese, and vice versa.
Candidates must submit themselves to examination by the Interpretation Board.
Applications should be sent to the REGISTRAR-GENERAL on or before the 27th instant.
By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [804]

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MONDAY, 16th MARCH. DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [744]

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CHRIS OF ALL SORTS,

BY

S. BARING-GOULD,

Author of "Mehalah," "John Herring," etc.

CHAPTER XXIV.

LETTERS.

This was the most unkind out of all

Julius Cerny, Act III, sc. 2.

Langridge Lodge, Barnford.

"My Dear Cousin Christine—"

"Really I have been too neglect-

ful in my correspondence. And yet I am long-

ing to hear about my Club and the dear girls.

And yet I am sure that everything is for the

best under your direction. I could not have

wished for anyone more suited to go on with my

work than your dear self.

"I have some things to tell you about Bar-

ford. Your Aunt Laura has gone a round of

visits, and has left me so much to do, that this

must be my excuse for delay in writing.

"I have not picked up strength as readily as

I expected, and I get very fatigued, so that

writing is a trouble to me—but not to you, to

whom I can always open my heart. The air

here is rather too relaxing for me, and I would

perhaps have done better to have gone into

some cheap and quiet lodgings on Exmoor,

where the air is more bracing.

"But all as God disposes. I must remain

here till Lady Laura returns, as she has made

me responsible for everything. She gave me a

graphic account of the voyage, and with details

of the sufferings, that might have been spared

with advantage. However, she became less

and attentive afterwards, as I am not

amiable only at the last moment. If I am not

much mistaken the fault lay rather with your

Aunt. I have no doubt that Lady Laura was

most exacting on the passage, and forgot to

acknowledge this to the satisfaction of the

stewardess on her leaving the boat. But this

is surmise.

"I am thankful to say she is now quite re-

covered. From what she says, I gather that she

purposes staying as long as she can in Ireland

she dreads the return voyage. But she has not

many acquaintances in the Emerald Isle; how-

ever, she is resolved to make them, and when

she chooses she can make herself very agree-

able, none more so. Consequently she may

manage to secure a good many invitations to

various houses. That is what she is scheming

for, and she does not desire to return here till

after Midsummer, and when the seas are quite

smooth.

"I have been put to some difficulties. Lady

Laura wants me to get rid of two of the male

servants, or so as not to have to pay their wages, or for

their keep during her absence, and to look out

for fresh ones, and have them in by her return,

whenever that will be. But, really—one must

give a month's notice, and suitable servants do

not come when one wishes for them. Besides,

those who remain will grumble at extra work

put on them, and, although I try to give as

little trouble as possible, I am not strong enough

to do everything for myself. Servants now-a-

days like to keep to their proper routine and not

to have the duties of others thrust on them,

even temporarily. Lady Laura has taken her

maid with her, a new importation from

France, whom you kindly found for her. A bit

of news that may interest you concerns the

young doctor, Mr. Thomas Bates. He is en-

gaged to a rather nice girl, I am told, a Miss

Brandcombe, who is related to a good many

people in the neighbourhood, she has also

money of her own. And the alliance will help

to increase his practice. For him, from a pro-

fessional point of view, it is a good move.

"As to that hunting adventure of yours with

Mr. Bates, do not worry over it. It is all for-

gotten. No one thought it was other than an

accident that was unavoidable; but it was made

much of at the time by people who were placed

with your aunt. I fear Lady Laura is not

pride, whereas it is really that she is myopic.

I wish that you could persuade her to adopt

glasses. I suggested it, but she put it aside

with a 'I should look such a fright'.

"Did you know a Mr. Paster? He has

gone financially to pieces, and in a discreditable

manner, and has disappeared from the scene.

He was according to all regretted by none. He was according to all

accounts, an under-bred, ill-mannered man, only

endured because he hunted, and was supposed

to be wealthy.

"I find that the rupture of your engagement

with Captain Fenton has increased your reputa-

tion with a certain kind of people here, who

put it down to your practical commonness in

rejecting a man whose prospects broke down.

All miss you greatly, and I am asked repeatedly

when you will return. I reply, not till does

Lady Laura.

"A Mrs. Parkhouse has been here to call on

me. I do not know the circumstances, but I

gathered from her that she feared that she had

treated you with scant courtesy before you left,

and that she regrets it now. She sent all sorts

of kind messages to you through me, and read

a penitential litany which I leave you to imagine

for yourself.

"A Mrs. Taillebois and her daughter have

also been here. The girl is going to town to

stay with some relative, and the mother wishes

you to call on her and take her about, and I

fancy I would mention it. You will act in the

matter as you see fit.

"And now, at least, comes that which I have

purposely left to the conclusion of my letter,

not because it is a bonehead, but quite the

contrary, it is something I am reluctant to

write, because I know it will cause you pain.

But if you do not hear it from me, it will

cause your heart ache, and therefore I grieve to

report it. It is that Captain Fenton is back—

at home. He has committed some errors in

South Africa. I believe that he neglected to

have outposts, and a convey under his charge

was rushed and taken by the Boers, with some

sad loss of life to our men. As I understand

the story, he had no suspicion that the enemy

was near, but that hardly justifies the harsh

of ordinary precautions. As the Boers were short of

supplies, the capture of the convey was a great

blow to this is not all.

"There was a second disaster, which was more

serious. He had received instructions for a

movement of concentration on the enemy.

Whether he misinterpreted his orders, or did

not follow them out with sufficient promptness,

or whether, as is more likely, the nature of the

country prevented their execution, I do not

know. But the plan failed, and the failure has

been attributed to him. So he has been out of

home. I am sure that the fault does not lie at

his door, and it is quite possible that it was

made by some else, and the blame has been

thrown on Captain Fenton to screen the others.

"Here he is in Barnford, but does not like

anyone to see him, he is in a pitiable condition

of dejection. I am told, he is quite a broken

man. I wish there were someone here to give

him a cheering word. I hear he leaves for

town almost immediately. I am told, he has

chambers there. Here he was not visited or

noticed by any of his old friends, but that may

have been because he shut his door against

everyone. If he has made mistakes he is suffer-

ing for them acutely.

"There—Chris, I have told you all now and

I know how you will feel this that comes at

the close of my letter. Although there is now

no tie between you, yet I am sure there is a

warm corner in your heart for the poor fellow.

"I remain, dearest, ever yours,"

"Martha."

"Oh, Roger! poor, poor Roger!" exclaimed

Chris. Everything else contained in the letter

was forgotten in the supreme distress over the

final item of news. "Oh how he must feel

it! If he had a mother, or sister, or brother to

be with him now and comfort him. Poor fel-

low, so sensitive, and with so high a sense of

honour. Eating out his heart with. He was in

solitude. It was not his fault. He was in

no way to blame. It was the fault of Lord

Kitchener, or whoever was in naval contrac-

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yearly opened the second letter, and it ran as

follows:—

Brandon House.

"Dearest Christine,—"

"Do come and dine with us on

Thursday, which is I know one of your free

nights. A Miss Murgatroyd, a literary lady, who

writes for magazines and newspapers, has

brought me for an introduction, so I have asked

her for Thursday. There is also Lady Emily

Driver, a great philanthropist, coming. She is

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2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
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LONDON, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	VALETTA	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. B. Palmer, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON	MACHAON	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 17th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, &c.	FORMOSA	Brit. str.	2 m.	H. H. W. Saw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
LONDON via GENOA	KINTEK	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st inst.
LONDON	PIROSKY	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 14th April.
LONDON	JASON	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th April.
LONDON	AGORHEINON	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 12th May.
LIVERPOOL via GENOA	NESTOR	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. S'PORE, &c.	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	2 m.	N. Trenat	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	von Doehran	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 24th inst., at 8 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. S'PORE, &c.	ERNEST SIMONS	Frech. str.	2 m.	Kirchner	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th April, at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	H. Petersen	Butterfield & Swire	On 14th April.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	CLAUDUS	Ger. str.	2 m.	E. Burmeister	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HAMBURG	Ger. str.	2 m.	von Doehran	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Kirchner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Mayer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KONIGSBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SERBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Klausenborg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Standard Oil Co.	STANDARD OIL CO.	On 28th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK, via SINGAPORE, &c.	SENECA	Brit. str.	2 m.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 30th inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	AVRIL	Brit. str.	2 m.	Melchers & Co.	MELCHERS & CO.	About 15th April.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ODESSA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Neumann	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 18th inst.
YANCOOVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	P. Pantou	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 18th inst.
YANCOOVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	P. Pantou	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 1st April, at Noon.
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VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	ONFIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Thompson	Butterfield & Swire	On 23rd inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	H. Christensen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
PORTLAND, OREGON	TOMA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	R. P. Craven	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 26th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	INDRAMA	Jap. str.	2 m.	E. W. Haswell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 19th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	FRANZ FREDERICK	Brit. str.	2 m.	C. J. Beaton, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 24th inst.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. Nagao	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIROSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHINQUA	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. B. MacMillan	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th inst.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Daylight.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 25th inst., at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	WAMPOA	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 21st inst.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SWILBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Mayer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HANGHOW	Brit. str.	2 m.	T. Ogata	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KICKIANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DAIJI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	I. Goto	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MAINDUR MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Gibson	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ANING MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Robson	DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAIRLOOS	Brit. str.	2 m.	N. Tate	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
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MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	T. Mural	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Noon.
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MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	E. Fey	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.	On 17th inst., at 3 P.M.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NANKIN	Brit. str.	2 m.			
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ARRATON APCAR	Brit. str.	2 m.			

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Mar. 12, LAISANG, British str., 2,235, M. Courtney, Singapore 7th Mar. General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
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Mar. 13, CHUBAN, British str., 2,852, C. L. Daniel, Bombay and Singapore 8th Mar. Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Mar. 13, HAWAII, French str., 772, Merlees, Haiphong and Hanoi 12th Mar. General—A. B. MARTY.
Mar. 13, HOIHAO, French str., 509, M. Merlees, Manila 10th Mar.—A. B. MARTY.
Mar. 13, JACON DIERBERGEN, German str., 623, B. Ohlsen, Haiphong 11th Mar. General—JENSEN & CO.
Mar. 13, KENLUCKY, U.S. battleship, 12,500, C. H. Stokton, Singapore 8th Mar.
Mar. 13, LUCIA, British barque, 530, Andersen, Singapore 28th Dec. Timber and Logs—ORDER.
Mar. 13, VALETTA, British str., 2,073, W. B. Palmer, Shanghai 16th Mar. Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Mar. 13, WAKAMATSU MARU, Japanese str., 1,730, H. Sakamoto, Moji 8th Mar. Coal—ORDER.

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At the Harbour Master's Office, 13th March.
Daiya Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.
Kyoto Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Kwangsang, British str., for Fenchow.
Kwangshai, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Loongsang, British str., for Manila.
Lohuair, Italian barque, for Calao.
Tremont, American str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

13th March.
DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.
KONIGSBERG, German str., for Yokohama.
KOWLOON, German str., for Shanghai.
KWANGSHAI, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
LOONGSANG, British str., for Manila.
M. CHIEW, German str., for Bangkok.
MONTREVEY, U.S. motor for Canton.
PINOSKEY, British str., for Shanghai.
TREMONT, American str., for Manila.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

13th March.
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COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Chingtu.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Feb. 20, British ship, Troop, Fritz, Feb. 6, from Hilo for St. Helena.
Feb. 22, Dutch str., Timor, Kotting, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
Feb. 23, Dutch str., Izon, Robinson, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
Feb. 23, Amr. ship, Luzon, Park, Feb. 12, from Manila for Newcastle.
Feb. 23, Dutch str., Princes Amalia, Potjer, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
Feb. 23, Dutch str., Moravi, Udena, Feb. 25, from Batavia for Rotterdam.

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Hongkong, 12th March, 1903.

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1903.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1903.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1903.

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"TARTAR"	4,425	29th April
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"ATHENIAN"	3,883	27th May
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000	3rd June
"EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000	17th June
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000	31st July
"TARTAR"	4,425	14th Aug.
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STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY 18th March
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 1st April
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 15th April
KLAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY 29th April
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 13th May
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 27th May
STUTTGART	THURSDAY 11th June
ROON	THURSDAY 25th June
PREUSSEN	THURSDAY 9th July
HAMBURG	THURSDAY 23rd July
PRINZ HEINRICH	THURSDAY 6th August

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

IZUMI MARU	KOBE	TUESDAY, 17th Mar. at NOON.
M. Yagi	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 20th Mar. at NOON.
HIROSHIMA MARU	MAESELLLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE	SATURDAY, 21st Mar. at DAYLIGHT.
J. Nagao	PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	
AWA MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 24th Mar. at NOON.
N. Trenat	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 24th Mar. at 4 P.M.
SHINANO MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 25th Mar. at NOON.
W. Thompson	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 27th Mar. at DAYLIGHT.
YAWATA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th Mar. at 4 P.M.
A. E. Moses	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 7th Apr. at 4 P.M.
WAKASA MARU	MAESELLLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE	SATURDAY, 31st Apr. at DAYLIGHT.
J. C. MacMillan	PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	
KUMANO MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 24th Mar. at NOON.
E. W. Haswell	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 24th Mar. at 4 P.M.
TOKA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 25th Mar. at NOON.
H. Christensen	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 27th Mar. at DAYLIGHT.
KAMAKURA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th Mar. at 4 P.M.
H. Petersen	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 7th Apr. at 4 P.M.

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OUTWARDS.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OANPA"	On 21st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 25th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 3rd April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 9th April.

HOMWARDS.		
FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
LONDON	"MACHAON"	On 17th March.
LONDON	"KINTUCK"	On 21st March.
LONDON	"PINGSUEY"	On 14th April.
LONDON	"JASON"	On 28th April.
LONDON	"AGAMEMNON"	On 12th May.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 21st March.
LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 23rd April.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 14th April.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.		
FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
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CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 14th March.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KINTUCK"	On 18th March.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 18th March.
SHANGHAI	"CHINGTU"	On 21st March.
TIENSIN	"CHINGTU"	On 21st March.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	On 25th March.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	On 25th March.
PORT DARWIN, TUESDAY, COOKTOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 6th April.

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
TAMSAI, VIA SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 15th March.
TAMSAI, VIA SWATOW	"DAIJI MARU"	SUNDAY, 22nd March.
TAMSAI, VIA SWATOW	"DAIJI MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 18th March.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW	"MAIDZU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 25th March.
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. T. ARIMA, Manager. [5]

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K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [478]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
LONDON, &c.	"VALETTA"	Neon, 14th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	"FORMOSA"	Neon, 18th March.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	"NANKIN"	About 24th March.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI	"SOGOTTA"	About 24th March.
HAI and KOBE	"C. J. Burton"	About 24th March.

PASSENGER SEASON 1903.
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Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [318]

HONGKONG-MANILA.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct.	On 14th Mar., at 10 A.M.
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PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

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Hongkong, 12th March, 1903.

REGULAR SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1903.

"AFRIDI" About 15th April.
"RICHMOND CASTLE" 30th April.
"SAGAMI" 15th May.
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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 23rd March. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M., on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [2]

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [3]

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [329]

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [392]

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Kentish Town, in the County
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 15th March, 1903.

All Creditors are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before the said date.

Dated the 7th day of March, 1903,
DEACON & BASINGS,
10, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong,
Solicitors for James Henry Cox
the Administrator with the will
annexed of the above estate.

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NOTICE.

A MEETING OF HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE will be held at the **MAGISTRACY**, at 2.15 P.M., on **TUESDAY, the 17th MARCH, 1903**, for the purpose of considering the following application:—

From one **LETITIA PYLE** for the transfer of her Adjunct Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at No. 8, Ice House Street, under the Sign of the "WAVELETT HOTEL" to one **AGNES PETERSE**
P. A. HAZELAND,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy.

HOUSEHOLDERS are hereby requested


NOTICE.

HOUSEHOLDERS are hereby
to make a special effort at this
the year to destroy rats and to fill up
with cement.

Rat-traps and bird-lime may be
from the Secretary to the Board free
By Order,
G. A. WOOD

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